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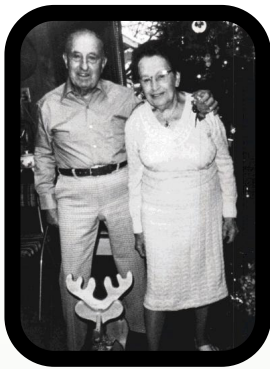
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FROM THE DESK OF SHERIFF MANSFIELD



On July 9, 2012, after an extensive cold case investigation that lasted for over two and a half decades, the Lewis County Sheriff's Office arrested Rick Riffe in King Salmon, Alaska, for the 1985 murders of Minnie and Ed Maurin. Rick's younger brother John was also going to be arrested, but he died on June 12th from natural causes due to deteriorating health.

This arrest was a major milestone for the Lewis County Sheriff's Office in a long, tedious, and often frustrating investigation. The case has long haunted the Maurin family, this Sheriff's Office, and our community. The evidence spanning over 26 years is very complicated and extensive.

The Maurins were reported missing on December 19, 1985 and witnesses came forward to report sightings of their vehicle on the 19th at Sterling Savings and Loan in Chehalis. Their bodies were later found on December 24th at the end of Stearns Hill road in Chehalis. Both Minnie and Ed had been shot inside their vehicle

and dragged to the side of the road.

During the 26 years that spanned between their deaths and the arrest of suspect Rick Riffe, the investigation had many distractions, and at times was put on hold as we pursued other current and exigent cases. However, through those years we continued to develop substantial new leads that served to validate what we had known for so long, which was that John and Rick Riffe murdered the Maurins. Each of the Sheriffs who preceded me and the people who worked for them showed a steady resolve to bring this case to trial. The current team of investigators, led by Detective Bruce Kimsey, was finally able to find enough old and new pieces of the puzzle to put a case together that Prosecuting Attorney Jonathan Meyer feels is strong enough to take forward.

When I became Sheriff in 2005, I told Dennis Hadaller, the Maurins' son, that I would do what I could to re-open the door and do whatever was necessary to keep the case moving forward. I assigned Detective Kimsey as the lead investigator to help ensure we stayed focused and active on the case. Mr. Hadaller was persistent, yet showed patience, understanding, and respect for the

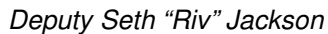
Sheriff's Office as we scrapped for time and money to dedicate to the investigation. He hired a private investigator by the name of Chris Peterson, and Chris became an important member of our investigative team.

The final verdict in this case will most likely rest in the hands of a jury, and we all will have to find a way to live with that decision. We have known for over two decades that Rick and John Riffe murdered the Maurins and it has been a long, hard road for everyone, especially the family. Dennis Hadaller's commitment to his family and his parents to find out what happened is a true testament to his character, dedication, and tenacity.

For me personally, having this case reach this point is a bitter-sweet moment tempered with great satisfaction and admiration for all those who have worked so hard over the years. Most of all, I hope the sadness and pain endured for so long by the family and friends of Minnie and Ed Maurin will now be somewhat eased through knowing that this tragic event is significantly closer to being resolved.

Sheriff Steve

By Sherri Guenther



watching two Denver beer parlors and planned to blow the safes on Sunday night and steal the weekend receipts. The house was put under surveillance and when the men failed to come out, detectives attempted an arrest inside the building. They burst through the door and both men were laying on the bed. Seelert fired at detectives but his bullet hit the brass bedstead. The other convict jumped up and reached for a weapon. The detectives opened fire and both men were killed.

The Washington State Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation has more documentation on the story of this shootout, along with pictures of the suspects. To review more on this interesting piece of history, please see their website at www.historylink.org and search on Seth Jackson.

GET TO KNOW YOUR SHERIFF'S OFFICE STAFF

We are starting a new edition to our e-newsletter where you will learn more about the staff at the Sheriff's Office who serve and protect the citizens of Lewis County. We will spotlight one employee from each bureau—Operations, Corrections and Services.

OPERATIONS BUREAU—DETECTIVE DAN RIORDAN



First and foremost I love my job; I am truly blessed to be doing one of my top five career choices. I began my law enforcement career at Elma Police Department as a police officer but the little sleepy city became too small for me and I wanted to go to a larger patrol area. I was going to apply with Thurston County Sheriff's Office but my gym work-out partner, John Snaza, talked about his brother Rob having a lot of fun in Lewis County. I applied and was hired at Lewis County Sheriff's Office in 2002. From the moment I was hired, I knew that I was home. I loved the vast and beautiful area that we get to patrol, along with the wide variety of calls that we deal with in the county. Some of the best times I have had as a deputy were when my police academy partner, Jamey McGinty, was hired by the Sheriff's Office and we worked a two man patrol unit in the east-end. McGinty and I made the east-end a very uncomfortable place for criminals and had a lot of fun together.

FAVORITES

Favorite Food: Bite Size Steak
Favorite Music Group: Luke Bryan
Favorite TV Show: NCIS—DiNozzo
Favorite Vacation Spot: Las Vegas
Favorite Movie: Captain America

In 2008, I followed McGinty into detectives where my eyes were completely opened to the destructiveness of the human race and what people are capable of doing to each other. At first, it was a hard switch for me coming from the high-speed road to sitting behind the desk handling crimes after the initial investigation was completed but needed more detailed investigation; but again I adapted and began to thrive in my new position.

During this time, I was accepted and became a member of the Lewis County SWAT Team (combined team with the Sheriff's Office and Chehalis PD) along with being a gang coordinator with the Multi-Agency Gang Task Force for Lewis County. I am also a one of the Sheriff's Office detective's for the Multi-County Officer Involved Shooting Task Force. Also at work, I am the Vice-President of our Guild and a strong proponent for the Lewis County Law Enforcement Memorial, and every Christmas I help out with Shop with a Cop—which I really enjoy.

Who I am away from work is a husband to a wonderful woman and father to two girls that are my gifts from God. My world revolves around them and what they need. I enjoy athletics and recently tried out and became a part of the Washington Cavaliers semi-pro football team as an inside linebacker and special team player. And yes, at 42 years of age I am playing tackle football again—LOVING EVERY MOMENT WITH MY TEAMMATES!



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to report a tip through the on-line submission form.

GET TO KNOW YOUR SHERIFF'S OFFICE STAFF — Continued

CORRECTIONS BUREAU—CORRECTIONS OFFICER AMBER WILSON



I have been working for the Lewis County Sheriff's Office Corrections Bureau for eight years. Since I have been in the field, I have had the opportunity to serve in many positions, including Drug Court, Alternative Sanctions, Transport Unit, Acting Sergeant, and Officer in Charge. All positions have been very enjoyable for me to work in. I have learned a lot during these challenges and have enjoyed every minute of it. I work with some outstanding individuals and truly enjoy my career. I have participated in the "Shop with a Cop" program every year since I began my career here and that too is something I love. Several of my kids have come to visit me and have wrote me letters thanking me for shopping with them and letting me know how much fun they had. It's great to know we do make a difference!

I have four kids and have been married for almost 11 years. My husband and I are avid archery hunters, we also like to fish, go boating, camping in our motorhome, and play in the mud and snow in our side by side UTV. I enjoy working in my yard, garden, and soaking up the sun, and of course spending time with my family and hanging out with good friends. We have two cats, two turkeys, 13 chickens, and a sweet little Chihuahua named "Penny".

FAVORITES

Favorite Food: BBQ food and I love potlucks—get to enjoy a little of everything.

Favorite music group: I listen to all kinds of music, from alternative, R &B, to even country

Favorite book: Just about anything written by Dean Koontz

Favorite Vacation Spot: This is a cross between Mexico and camping with family and friends on the lake.

SERVICES BUREAU—SUPPORT TECHNICIAN LINDA PATTON

I have worked at the Sheriffs Office for over 17 years – mostly at the front desk. I spent 2½ years in Emergency Management, and also filled in for the Civil Clerk, which has been both a challenge and good learning experience. I have several hobbies – tracing my family tree is probably the top one, but I also love to crochet and knit gifts for others, particularly babies. I am very active in the Lewis County Genealogical Society, yes we do have one, but for some reason most folks don't know about us – and we have been around for 30 years or so. I attend Bethel Church and do volunteer there for various activities.



As for some of my favorite things: Favorite food – pumpkin pie; favorite music group – Nickelback; favorite books – the Mitford series by Jan Karon; favorite vacation spot – visiting my family in Oklahoma; favorite movie – Support Your Local Sheriff, and that is not just because of where I work, I loved that good old funny movie long before I was hired here. I strongly suggest you see it, you will laugh your socks off. I also love growing flowers and tomatoes in the summer, and sitting in the sun when it is available, and playing with my little dog Charlie, who is a joy.



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WIVES BEHIND THE BADGE

Law enforcement families and spouses face unique challenges every day; challenges that no one except someone else living the same life can understand. In 2006, Wives Behind the Badge, Inc. founder and police wife, Rose Winick, found herself in this position.

Winick decided to form her own online support forum; that forum quickly grew to over 200 members from around the world. Over the next couple of years Wives Behind the Badge received numerous requests for financial support and other resources from police families and law enforcement agencies. Rose and her all-volunteer staff were called into action and Wives Behind the Badge became a non-profit dedicated to helping police families.

Wives Behind the Badge programs include the safe and secure forums that provided their beginning, a scholarship program for spouses and dependent children of law enforcement officers, along with the sister programs Families Behind the Badge, Blue Line Kids and HALOS.

Families Behind the Badge provides the support of the forums to the extended families of law enforcement officers. Blue Line Kids provides a safe and secure place for law enforcement kids to connect with each other. HALOS (Helping Aid Lost Officers Survivors) is dedicated to provide a helping hand in the event of the injury or death of a law enforcement officer.

In 2011, Carrie Breen, the wife of a Lewis County Sheriff's Sergeant, felt the calling to join Wives Behind the Badge, Inc. in their quest to form Auxiliary Committees in every state. The Auxiliary Committees extend the support, programs and services to the local level.

The Washington Auxiliary is seeking volunteers and agencies to partner with. Volunteers help support law enforcement agencies, officers, and families in their local areas. They assist with meals and refreshments in times of need. They help organize family-friendly events to bring their law enforcement communities together. They help raise funds for our non-profit work—including scholarships, disaster assistance, emotional support and resource assistance, and K9 assistance programs. Furthermore, they help strengthen the bonds we all share as a larger law enforcement family.

If you are interested in volunteering or you are an agency that would like to partner with and utilize Wives Behind the Badge's services, please email Washington Auxiliary Committee Director, Carrie Breen, at Washinton.Auxiliary@wivesbehindthebadge.org.



LEWIS COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL PROJECT UPDATE

The memorial statue is in the process of being cast, bronzed and assembled at the Two Ravens Studio Foundry in Tacoma, with a completion date expected in March. The Sheriff's Office Association continues to procure the additional funding needed for the base, walkway, landscaping, and engraved plaques with the names of the officers in Lewis County who have died in the line of duty.

Members of the Association accompanied local Artist Jim Stafford to the foundry in July to learn first-hand the steps taken to construct the statue. While there, foundry artisans poured 2,300 degree bronze into two of the many ceramic mold pieces used to comprise the statue.

The Sheriff's Association hopes to complete the memorial project by May 15, 2013, National Peace Officers Memorial Day.



Large vat of plaster material used to coat the rubber molds and support them. The remaining plaster must be continuously circulated or it will set up.



An artisan waits for the liquid bronze to heat to the proper temperature.



Artisans pour 2,300 degree bronze into two ceramic molds.



Foundry employee shows one of the many statue pieces awaiting to be cast. Once poured, the pieces will be welded together.



The bronze takes several hours to cool and the shell begins to crack.



Once cooled and hardened the flaky ceramic shell is removed.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR SUPPORT VOLUNTEERS

The Lewis County Sheriff's Office is now accepting applications for Support Volunteers. The Support Volunteer Program has been in existence at the Sheriff's Office for over 10 years and is still going strong. Many of the Support Volunteers come from a diverse background and have extensive experience to offer the community. The Support Volunteers provide a service that contributes to the quality of life in our community. They help make Lewis County a great place to live, work and raise our families by supporting the Mission and Code of Ethics of the Lewis County Sheriff's Office.

Support Volunteers are involved in many programs such as: Child Identification Program, Safety City, Car Seat Safety, Fraud/ID Theft, Neighborhood Watch, Prevent Crime—Lock Your Door Every Time, Prescription Drug Awareness, Underage Drinking Education, Sex Offender Reporting Program, Community event's security such as STP (Seattle to Portland Bicycle Ride), SW Washington Fair, Lewis County Youth Fair, and the Packwood Flea Market.

"We really value our Support Volunteers and appreciate the time and effort they put into helping the Sheriff's Office meet its mission in making this community a safer place to work, live, and play. With our dwindling resources, the volunteers help us fill in the gaps to ensure we are actively involved in community events and programs," says Sheriff Steve Mansfield.

Qualifications:

- 18 years of age minimum, or 14 if a parent is an active volunteer.
- Pass a background check.
- Diversity of life experiences.
- Good driving record.
- In good standing with Law enforcement.
- Lewis County resident preferred.
- Available year round.
- Willingness to participate.
- Must be able to commit two to four hours per week (depending on position) for minimum of six months.
- Have established a consistent pattern of responsible citizenship and use of good judgment as evidenced by the absence of any of the following in your background:
 1. Convictions for an offense that is a felony in Washington State.
 2. Convictions for a gross misdemeanor offense in the past 7 years.
 3. Convictions for a misdemeanor offense in the past 5 years.
 4. Convictions for any domestic violence offense.
 5. Convictions for any charge/offense that shows aggression toward or disrespect for police officers.
 6. Indicators that your integrity, honesty, character or work habits would be incompatible with the ethical standards and values of the Lewis County Sheriff's Office.



Application Procedure:

- Obtain an application form at the Lewis County Sheriff's Office in the Law & Justice Center in Chehalis or online at lewiscountywa.gov/sheriff and click on volunteer.
- Submit the completed application to the Sheriff's Office.
- Successfully pass a criminal history background and driver's license check.
- Provide three character references.
- Successfully complete an interview with the volunteer review board.
- Understand and agree to the terms and conditions of volunteering for LCSO.
- Successfully complete volunteer orientation, training, and probation.

Meetings:

Attendance is required at business meetings the 1st Tuesday of every month in the Lewis County Sheriff's Office Training Room from 5:30 p.m. to approximately 7:00 p.m. Volunteers have many training opportunities throughout the year and are given advance notice of the dates/times.